Children Receiving Old Age, Survivors, & Disability Insurance (OASDI—Social Security) Program Payments

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Social Security Administration.

Definition: This indicator gives a count of the number of children (minors under the age of 18) receiving OASDI payments during December of each year. The children may be receiving payments under any of Social Security's three basic programs.

Limitations: None known.

Data Detail: The OASDI program provides monthly benefits to retired and disabled workers (including some children), their dependents (including children), and to survivors of insured workers (including children). Benefit levels are related to past earnings; a person builds protection under the OASDI program through work covered by Social Security payroll taxes. Monthly benefits are payable to retired workers at age 62, or to disabled workers at any age. Survivor beneficiaries must generally meet an age, disability, or child care requirement.

For More Information:

More information on the OASDI program and other Social Security Administration programs and statistics is available at the Social Security Administration website: http://www.ssa.gov/policy/.

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